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EYES ON DELAGOA BAY

Report That England Will Secure Control in March.

GERMANY GETS SLICE OF AFRICA.

Berlin Paper Says President Kruger May Declare War Against Portugal at Once. Provisions of Secret Treaty Between Germany and England.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes the contents of the German-English-Portuguese secret treaty. This double treaty will have executive force as soon as the Swiss jurists have given a decision in the Delagoa arbitration. The decision, it is expected, will be given in January or February and will probably be in favor of England, in which case Portugal must pay to England and America an indemnity of £1,000,000.

England obtained in 1891 from Portugal the right of pre-emption of Delagoa bay. The cession of Delagoa bay to England may therefore be expected in March next.

It is possible that President Kruger may now declare war on Portugal and attack Delagoa at once. In order to prevent any interference by France or Russia, England concluded a secret treaty with Germany regarding the complete partition of the Portuguese colonial possessions. Germany is to receive all Portugal's Asiatic possessions.

Germany further receives in Africa all Portuguese territory north of Zambesi, except a strip of land three miles wide for Cecil Rhodes' Trans-African railway. For this the German government will pay Portugal 25,000,000 marks.

BOERS FORTIFY POSITION.

Strengthen Their Intrenchments Until Practically Impregnable.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley camp, is, perhaps, responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all today's news conveys the impression that Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position.

Certainly the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder river and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending the defense works, which in both cases are seemingly almost impregnable.

Dispatches from Chieveley indicate that General Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso error before the arrival of Lord Roberts, yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

Mr. Churchill's reference to Lady-smith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than had been supposed. The Boers continue fortifying the hills commanding the town. General White, however, photographs that all was well in Ladysmith on Dec. 26.

Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as at a complete deadlock for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and owing to lack of adequate transports. They think it will be many weeks before Lord Roberts is able to reorganize and make an effective move.

The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with few men and to travel great distances under cover, so as to rapidly reinforce any point attacked.

The Times says: "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that our troubles are due to the unreality of the presumably practical lessons given in the maneuvers at Aldershot."

Dispatches from Modder River represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand west, as growing very serious. In some towns the entire Dutch population has joined the Boers. The rebels have formed a laager at a point about 30 miles west of Modder River camp.

It is also announced that the Boers have raised the siege of Kuruman and have all withdrawn to Magersfontein.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Times, under date of Friday, Dec. 22, says: Anxiety regarding the attitude of the colonial Dutch is steadily growing. They make no effort to conceal their sympathy for the two republics, and the only question now is, whether, if the military situation is not changed, will they keep from open rebellion. Even in districts not visited by the Boers in the eastern part of the province the Dutch farmers are riding about armed. This is the case also in districts only 50 miles from Cape Town, where a seditious movement is busily propagated. The British forces are inadequate to guard 1,000 miles of communications.

A dispatch to the Times from Mafeking says that Lady Sarah Wilson, who was captured by the Boers while acting as correspondent for a London paper, has arrived there, having been exchanged for Viljoen, a notorious horse-thief and convict.

A special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing from Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, says: "Strong measures are necessary to check the hostile feeling among the Dutch colonists, whose sedition is shown in the removal of railway bolts, the obstruction of bridges and culverts and attacks upon solitary horsemen. Disaffection is bound to increase unless immediate reinforcements are forthcoming. The loyal Dutch and British settlers are becoming alarmingly impatient."

Churchill Tells of Ladysmith. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post

has received the following from Mr. Churchill, under date of Dec. 26, telegraphed from Chieveley camp, where he has arrived: "All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all cost. A painful impression was caused by the change of commander-in-chief and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation nevertheless is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river and with a smooth plain in front. The enemy have all the ranges marked, and many powerful guns dominate the various points on the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 Boers. There are 16 miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief."

Naval Guns Shell Boer Position.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Dec. 28.—The naval guns began shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock this morning, using lyddite. The shelling continued about two hours. Ever since the engagement at Colenso the enemy have been energetically improving their intrenchments. They can be seen galloping freely from hill to hill. Ladysmith also had a busy morning today, shelling the Boer position on Umbulwana mountain. The bursting shells were plainly visible at Chieveley.

IT'S UP TO GRIGGS.

Testimony About Combination to Increase Freight Rates Submitted to Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The interstate commerce commission has decided to comply with the request of the shippers of freight to transmit to the attorney general of the United States a transcript of evidence taken before the commission last week on the increase in rates on classified freight by the official classification commission.

The shippers in their petition urged that the testimony taken showed a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. Their desire is that the attorney general shall take action by injunction or otherwise to restrain the roads from putting the classification into effect on Jan. 1.

Phelps Succeeds Peck.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—"Congressman Hepburn of Iowa has assured everybody that he means to press the bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal by the government for all it is worth this session," said former Senator Warner Miller yesterday. "It will go through congress this session if Mr. Hepburn can do it. This provides for building the canal regardless of the appropriation made last winter for a committee to investigate and report on the most favorable route for the canal. That appropriation was merely a subterfuge, designed to sidetrack the canal for a year at least, and if the Hepburn bill becomes a law it will be ignored and the canal immediately begun. Speaker Reed killed it last year through the committee on rules. But now Reed is no longer there to block the project."

Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 28.—Delegates from all cities in the Missouri valley met here yesterday and organized the Inter-Scholastic Athletic association, the object of which is to promote athletics in public schools. Field day contests will be held here in May.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

London papers say they see a slightly better financial condition ahead.

The torpedo boat Stockton was successfully launched at Richmond, Va., Wednesday.

Charles Bayliss of Temple, Mich., died in a dentist's chair from the effects of chloroform.

The Pespeke-Leicht Lumber company of Chicago lost \$175,000 in burned buildings Wednesday night.

General Otis has issued a decree authorizing the celebration of civil marriages in the Philippines.

Joseph Rhodes Buchanan, a well known writer upon medical and occult sciences, is dead, aged 85.

Half the business portion of Fessenden, N. D., was consumed by fire Wednesday. Loss, \$25,000.

In a difficulty at White Oak, Ky., James Patton shot and killed Harlan Cisco. Patton was badly cut and will die.

George McCreery, a farmer living near Charlotte, Mich., was found dead in bed with a bullet wound in his left side.

J. B. Greenhut, who organized the present whisky trust, says that the trust is prosperous, regardless of the drop in prices of stocks.

The cruiser New York, flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, on Christmas day and then left for target practice.

The viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, telegraphs from Calcutta that there has been no increase of rain and that 22,451,000 natives suffering from famine are now receiving relief.

At Trenton, N. J., the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company, capital \$5,000,000, to manufacture plumbing and sanitary fixtures and supplies, was incorporated Wednesday.

Emily Hilda Blake, a domestic, was hanged at Brandon, Man., Wednesday, for the murder of Mrs. Lane, her mistress. The execution was private. Only a few persons witnessed it.

Alexander Fisher was shot and killed by his brother, Ples Fisher, in Clay county, Kentucky. Ples Fisher escaped. The brothers espoused opposite sides in the Philpot-Griffin feud.

General Otis has notified the war department of the arrival at Manila of the transports Duke of Fife and St. Paul, carrying the Thirty-eighth volunteer infantry, and the transports Ohio and Indiana, carrying the Fortieth volunteer infantry.

Sydney A. Paget of New York sailed for England Wednesday to join Lord Cheshire's rough riders. This regiment will sail for South Africa in three weeks.

Smallpox among the Indians at Crow Creek agency and other reservations has assumed serious phases. Congress immediately after reconvening will be asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 to stamp out the epidemic.

BATTLE AT SAN MATEO

Colonel Lockett Routs Strong Force of Insurgents.

FOUR AMERICANS ARE WOUNDED.

Filipino Loss is Large as the Result of Three Hours' Shelling of the Trenches. Supposed to Be Same Force Driven Out of San Mateo by Lawton.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2,500, including artillery, attacked a strong force of insurgents entrenched in the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San Mateo. The enemy were completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction. Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

It is supposed the insurgents are those driven out of San Mateo on the day General Lawton was killed. They numbered probably 1,000.

The insurgent organ Independencia, which was suppressed by the Americans, resumed publication on Nov. 21, in Bontoc province.

SOUTH DAKOTA FUSIONISTS.

Senator Pettigrew Organizes an American League at Sioux Falls.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 28.—Under the direction of Senator Pettigrew about 200 fusionists met here last night and organized an American league as a protest against "Imperialism, militarism and the control of all industrial institutions and government itself by organized capital." All the officials are fusionists and supporters of Mr. Pettigrew in his fight for re-election. Governor Lee spoke briefly against trusts. Senator Pettigrew made the principal speech. He said: "If I were a Filipino I would fight until I was gray if I was not killed sooner." He declared that President McKinley was elected and owned by trusts. He denounced the pending currency bill as the greatest outrage of this generation.

To Push Canal Bill.

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Sale of Pipestone Reservation.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—Colonel James McLaughlin, the United States Indian inspector, recently negotiated with the Sioux for the purchase of the Sacred Pipestone (Minn.) reservation. He gives an interesting account of the negotiations for the reservation, which he belonged to the Yankton Sioux. This band has its agency at Greenwood, on the Missouri river, about 40 miles above Yankton. At first the Indians wanted \$3,000,000, but after a long dickering the final settlement was made on the basis of \$25,000 in cattle and \$75,000 cash, the Indians retaining the exclusive right to quarry the precious pipestone, which is the only deposit in America, and contains a practically inexhaustible deposit.

Urge Public Schools for Indian Nation.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Missouri State Teachers' association, in session here with 1,000 members present, unanimously adopted a memorial to congress to establish in the Indian Territory a system of free public schools, to be administered by the proper authority at Washington and supported out of the United States treasury until conditions shall permit the people to do so by the taxation of real and personal property.

Bryan at a Panther Hunt.

AUSTIN, Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan was the central figure in a big panther hunt in the mountains near this city. The hunt had been especially arranged for him and something like 500 sportsmen, headed by Mr. Bryan and ex-Governor Hogg, left the city yesterday for the scene of the proposed hunt. They returned last evening with a live panther in their possession, having captured the animal during the day.

Monument to Lawton.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—A joint committee of the commercial club and the board of trade met last night to organize for raising a fund of \$25,000 or more to erect a statue to General Lawton here. It was resolved that an Indiana Lawton monument committee be organized, whose purpose should be the erection at the capital of a monument in memory of General Lawton.

Surgeons in Session at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Dec. 28.—The Western Surgical and Gynecological society met in its annual session here yesterday. About 150 members from all over the middle western states are in attendance. The afternoon was devoted to scientific papers by various members and in the evening the society was banqueted at the Savory hotel. Officers will be elected and committees appointed today.

INDIAN NATION EXODUS.

Farmers and Cattlemen Ejected from the Territory.

PERRY, O. T., Dec. 28.—On Jan. 1 every lessee of land in the Indian Territory will be compelled to leave the territory or submit to ejectment by the United States authorities. The number of farmers who are leasing land on the five civilized tribe reservations will reach into the thousands and all will have to vacate. The exodus from the Indian Territory began some days ago, 150 families having left Whitfield, I. T., in one day for Oklahoma.

Recent laws passed by congress debar the Indians from leasing their lands for any purpose and this will shut out not only farmers, but the cattlemen. The merchants in the many towns in the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Seminole, Creek and Choctaw nations are much alarmed over the prospects of their business being ruined. In communities which heretofore have been thickly settled every family will be compelled to move, leaving the country to the Indians, who live in bands, and a few squawmen. There are several towns in the Indian Territory that have nearly 10,000 population and if this new law is carried out they will dwindle to almost nothing. Congress will be asked to repeal the law.

TO RE-INTER MAINE'S DEAD.

President, Cabinet and Naval Officers Expected to Attend Ceremonies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Captain Sigbee and Chaplain Chidwick called at the navy department to consult with Assistant Secretary Allen respecting the ceremonies to take place today at Arlington in connection with the re-interment of the bodies of the Maine's victims. The remains of 151 dead sailors arrived here yesterday over the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad on a special train of six cars. They were escorted by a guard of honor composed of 12 men from the Texas, including among them one of the members of the original crew, Jerry Shea. The body was in command of Lieutenant Bonham. The caskets have been placed in open hospital tents and the guard of honor will be maintained over them until they are buried today.

The exercises will be as simple as possible. The president and members of the cabinet and a number of naval officers are expected to attend the funeral ceremonies.

Ohio Fagin in the Tolls.

LIMA, O., Dec. 28.—James Poorman, arrested here today, has been conducting a school of crime, according to the stories of Aggie Scanlan, aged 8, and others, to the police. The Scanlan girl said that Poorman instructed her and several others to mingle with crowds in retail stores and to pick up articles from the counters. How well he schooled them is evidenced by the fact that none were detected, but when the police searched Poorman's room they found two trunks full of plunder, jewelry and small articles of value.

Confronted With Serious Charge.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 28.—At Central City, in the northern part of this county, J. L. Jenkins, the mayor of the town, was yesterday held in bonds of \$2,000 to await the action of the grand jury. It is charged that he attempted to criminally assault his 14-year-old stepdaughter. Jenkins has been prominent in politics.

Find More Nebraska Coal.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 28.—A man representing one of the big lines operating in this section of the northwest was at Jackson, Neb., yesterday trying to buy up the newly discovered coal fields. A third strike was made on the Goodfellow farm. A vein of coal six feet thick was found at a depth of 162 feet.

Des Moines Man Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—William H. Penn of Des Moines has been appointed an assistant superintendent of the railway mail service. He is now chief clerk at Des Moines.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The proposed combine of British Columbia salmon canneries has fallen through.

Seneca E. Truesdell, one of the oldest newspaper men in the northwest, died at LaCrosse Wednesday.

Admiral Schley's flagship Chicago has arrived at Buenos Ayres and will remain there until further orders.

The British steamer Benedicta has been chartered at Philadelphia to load coal for Portugal, the first occasion of the kind.

At a meeting of the directors of the National Board and Paper company it was decided that pasteboard would be advanced \$2.50 per ton.

The cigar leaf tobacco board of trade will ask congress to provide that the duty on imported tobacco be not due until withdrawn from the bonded warehouse.

Spiehlmann's vinegar and yeast factory at Chicago was almost totally destroyed by fire Wednesday. The damage is estimated at \$100,000, which is covered by insurance.

Lebeck & Corin, proprietors of the Leader department store at Scranton, Pa., made an assignment Wednesday for the benefit of their creditors. Liabilities \$150,000.

The Cincinnati cigar manufacturers are much concerned over the announcement that the American Tobacco company, the trust, is going into the cigar-making business.

The Mexican government has abolished the export tax on coffee. This is expected to have a considerable effect in the United States, by increasing the receipts of Mexican coffee.

The Illinois state teachers, in session at Springfield, Ill., discussed the question of one man power in the schools, with particular reference to Professor E. Benjamin Andrews of Chicago.

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